

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT[21]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 163.1, the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship hereby amends Chapter 64, "Infectious and Contagious Diseases," and Chapter 65, "Animal and Livestock Importation," Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments revise the standards for participation in the voluntary Chronic Wasting Disease program. The amendments include moose in the program and update references. Animals in the program will no longer be identified with only a tattoo; animals will have to have two forms of official cervid identification.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the August 27, 2008, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 7104B**. A comment was received suggesting that the definition of "CWD susceptible Cervidae" found in Chapter 65 be amended to include moose. Since publication of the Notice, this definition has been amended to include moose.

The Department adopted these amendments on October 2, 2008.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 163.

These amendments shall become effective on November 26, 2008.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **21—64.104(163)**, definitions of "Accredited veterinarian," "CWD susceptible Cervidae" and "Official cervid identification," as follows:

"*Accredited veterinarian*" means a veterinarian approved by the deputy administrator of veterinary services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the state veterinarian in accordance with Part 161 of Title 9, Chapter 1, of the Code of Federal Regulations, revised as of ~~January 1, 2000~~ July 21, 2006, to perform functions required by cooperative state/federal animal disease control and eradication programs.

"*CWD susceptible Cervidae*" means whitetail deer, blacktail deer, mule deer, red deer, elk, moose, and related species and hybrids of these species.

"*Official cervid identification*" means one of the following:

1. A USDA-approved identification ear tag that conforms to the alphanumeric national uniform ear tagging system as defined in 9 CFR Part 71.1, Chapter 1, revised as of ~~January 1, 2000~~ July 21, 2006.
2. A plastic or other material tag that includes the official herd number issued by the USDA, and includes individual animal identification which is no more than five digits and is unique for each animal.
3. A legible tattoo which includes the official herd number issued by the USDA, and includes individual animal identification which is no more than five digits and is unique for each animal.
4. A plastic or other material tag which provides unique animal identification and is issued and approved by the North American Elk Breeders Association.
5. A plastic or other material tag which provides unique animal identification and is issued and approved by the North American Deer Farmers Association.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 64.106(3) as follows:

**64.106(3) Identification.** All cervid animals must be identified with two forms of official identification. ~~Effective June 1, 2003, Cervid animals not identified with a tattoo must be identified with two forms~~ have a second visual form of official identification.

ITEM 3. Amend paragraph **65.9(1)“a,”** definition of “CWD susceptible Cervidae,” as follows:  
“*CWD susceptible Cervidae*” means all species of Cervidae susceptible to chronic wasting disease, including whitetail deer, blacktail deer, mule deer, red deer, elk, moose, and related species and hybrids of these species.

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